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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/828,789  
For: A METHOD OF FORMING SINTERED VALVE METAL MATERIAL  
Our Ref: 02104CIP (3600-419-01)

FROM: Luke A. Kilyk, Esq. *LAK*

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☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20	
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1203	370	2203	185	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	210	2204	105	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	50	2205	25	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	460	2252	230	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1050	2253	525	Extension for reply within third month	1,050.00
1254	1640	2254	820	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,230	2255	1,115	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	510	2401	255	Notice of Appeal	
1402	510	2402	255	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	1,030	2403	515	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	510	2452	255	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,540	2453	770	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,440	2501	720	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	820	2502	410	Design issue fee	
1503	1,130	2503	565	Plant issue fee	
1464	130	1464	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee for provisional applications	
1808	180	1808	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	810	2809	405	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	810	2810	405	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	810	2801	405	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	810.00
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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